

Town of Odessa
MINUTES FROM REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 10, 2006 - 7:00 PM
OLD ACADEMY BUILDING

Those present at 7:00 PM:

Mayor Kathy Harvey
Council Member John Freeman
Council Member Karlyn Grant
Council Member Betts Jackson
Council Member Cindy Williams

Treasurer James Grant
Secretary Jessica Norton

10 community members

- I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance- The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM.
- II. Roll Call
- III. Delaware State Police Report- Lieutenant Bailey was in attendance and reported that due to computer upgrades at the station, a printed report is not available at this time.
- IV. Approval of Minutes- Regular Meeting 6/5/06

MOTION BY CINDY WILLIAMS, SECONDED BY JOHN FREEMAN: THAT THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL ON JUNE 5, 2006 BE ACCEPTED.

MOTION CARRIED. VOTE: 5 AYE, 0 NAY

- V. Correspondence
 - A. DelDOT regarding jake brake signs
 - B. DelDOT transportation plan
 - C. New Castle County Land Use, looking at long-term plans with school districts, towns, and Wilmapco
 - D. LeAnn Ferguson regarding Water Farm I permit appeal
 - E. House Bill 410, municipal elections
- VI. Treasurer's Report- Treasurer Jim Grant read the Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Budget Performance, attached hereto as attachments C and D respectively.

**MOTION BY BETTS JACKSON, SECONDED BY KARLYN GRANT:
TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT.**

MOTION CARRIED. VOTE: 5 AYE, 0 NAY

VII. Commission Reports

- A. Planning- Joan Mason reported that the State PLUS meeting went well. A few comments will be submitted to the Town, but the reaction was favorable overall.
- B. Historic- looking at applications and guidelines
- C. Trees- working on this year's grant, continues to plant and trim

VIII. Old Business

- A. House Bill 172 (Handicapped Parking)- Representative Cathcart reported that the bill did not pass this year.

**MOTION BY KARLYN GRANT, SECONDED BY JOHN
FREEMAN: TO REMOVE HB 172 FROM THE AGENDA.**

MOTION CARRIED. VOTE: 5 AYE, 0 NAY

- B. Jake Brake Signs- The Town received the sign designs, DelDOT ordinance designating Route 13 as a truck route, and installation/fabrication estimates from DelDOT. Rep. Cathcart said that he will cover the costs from his Suburban Street Aid Fund.
- C. Appointments- Board of Adjustments and Trees- no names to consider at this time.
- D. Sidewalk Overgrowth- Council member Cindy Williams brought residents' failure to maintain sidewalks to council's attention. Mayor Harvey responded that the Town had conducted a survey, posted notices, and worked with the Trees Commission to improve the problem. Any more issues should be communicated to the Trees Commission.

IX. New Business

- A. Odessa Fire Company Correspondence- Odessa Fire Company liaison Harvey Smith summarized a letter from the Fire Company asking for membership to be exempted from the side street restrictions and clarifying that the letter refers to Northbound, not Southbound, Route 13. The letter is attached hereto as Attachment E. Council Member Williams pointed out that responders are not emergency vehicles and that the safety of children on those streets should be a priority. Council Member Jackson voiced her concern over members' speeding, and Smith agreed that they are continually addressing that problem. All members agreed that buses need not be exempted from the restrictions as requested by the letter. Mayor Harvey reported that the Town's responsibility is to its residents and that polls showed that they overwhelmingly support the

signs. Lt. Bailey closed the conversation by stating that exempting firefighters from the rule would be unsafe and difficult to enforce.

MOTION BY BETTS JACKSON, SECONDED BY KARLYN GRANT: THAT COUNCIL NOT RECONSIDER THE TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS ON HIGH STREET, OSBOURNE STREET, AND TATMAN ALLEY.

MOTION CARRIED. VOTE: 4 AYE, 1 NAY; FREEMAN, GRANT, HARVEY, AND JACKSON IN FAVOR; WILLIAMS OPPOSED.

- B. Ordinance 2006-4: An ordinance to adopt the 2006 Comprehensive Plan- Mayor Harvey introduced the ordinance, stating that the Planning Commission will review comments from the State, hold another public hearing, and hope for a vote in September.
- C. State Election Law- The new Municipal Election Bill was passed and affects Odessa's Town elections. The Town will now have to pay for use of the machines, review its deadlines, and will consider having its Secretary acquire a notary license for absentee ballots. Representative Cathcart stated that the Town will not have to change its charter to comply with the new regulations; that the State law supersedes the charter.

Action: Jessica Norton will provide copies for Council.

- D. Water Farm I Permit Appeal- Chuck Mulholland, representing Southern New Castle Alliance, addressed the Town and asked for Council's support in appealing Water Farm I's outflow permit. He feels that the Secretary for Natural Resources should answer some questions, specifically how they will handle the sludge generated by increased dumping.

MOTION BY BETTS JACKSON, SECONDED BY KARLYN GRANT: THAT THE TOWN OF ODESSA ENTER THE APPEAL PROCESS ALONG WITH DELAWARE WILDLANDS AND SOUTHERN NCC ALLIANCE TO APPEAL THE PERMIT FOR WATER FARM I .

MOTION CARRIED. VOTE: 4 AYE, 0 NAY, CINDY WILLIAMS ABSTAINING.

- X. Next Meeting's Date and Time: August 7th, 7:00 PM
- XI. Adjournment

MOTION BY CINDY WILLIAMS, SECONDED BY KARLYN GRANT: THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED.

MOTION CARRIED. VOTE: 5 AYE, 0 NAY

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM.

Minutes Approved: 8/7/06

Jessica Norton